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## **Public Opinion Solicited On Naming of Peak in Lewis and Clark County**

**(HELENA)** --- The Montana State Library is soliciting public opinion on the assignment of the name "Rittel Mountain" to an un-named peak in Lewis and Clark County. The peak in question is about two miles southeast of Rogers Pass, as shown on the map at [http://msl.mt.gov/geonames/maps/40602\\_Rittel\\_Mountain.pdf](http://msl.mt.gov/geonames/maps/40602_Rittel_Mountain.pdf).

The name is proposed by Sandra Renner of Wolf Creek and is intended to honor Fred Emil Rittel (1900-1963) and William Rittel (1901-1954), who homesteaded at the base of the mountain in the early twentieth century. Descendants of the Rittels operate the present-day 8,000-acre Blacktail Ranch, six miles northeast of the summit.

The request to name the peak was received by the U.S. Board of Geographic Names (BGN), which determines what names the federal government recognizes for natural features of the landscape. The BGN assigns an individual in each state as that state's Geographic Names Advisor, whose duties include soliciting opinions from state and local officials, as well as state agencies, on name recommendations. Montana's Geographic Names Advisor is Gerald Daumiller, a GIS programmer and analyst with the Montana State Library.

The public is invited to submit their comments or opinions on the proposed name to Gerald Daumiller by calling (406) 444-5358 or by emailing [gdaumiller@mt.gov](mailto:gdaumiller@mt.gov) before September 19, 2011. More information about this proposal is available at <http://msl.mt.gov/geonames>.

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